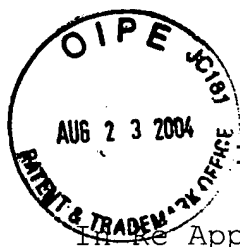


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Title: VEHICLE WHEEL BALANCE WEIGHTS )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant is submitting the art shown on the attached list for consideration by the Examiner.

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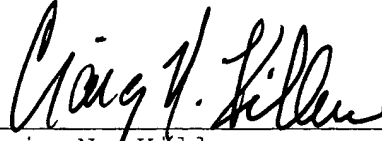
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